

REMARKS

The amendments made herein to the claims are the result of a complete review of all of the claims of the application in view of the specification and the improved method for interactive communication as now perceived. Most of the amendments are to provide more direct antecedents for terms used in the claims and to improve upon the clarity required by 35 U.S.C. § 112.

The proposed amendments also remove the totally unnecessary limitation of “each of said rooms” in the claims. The method for interactive communication need not have both an audio system and a visual system in each and every room of each of the remote locations. The method of the invention is altered in practice depending upon the capabilities of the persons living under the remote supervision of the method of the invention and their shyness and need for privacy. Thus, in some applications, only audio communication and no video communication may be provided, for example, in bathrooms, or only motion sensor communication in other circumstances, thus, the necessity for these amendments to be entered to allow the method of the invention to remain useful in a variety of instances and to tailor the method to the specific patients being monitored. The limitation of “each of said rooms” is totally superfluous.

Other amendments to the claims are purely grammatical.

Applicant submits that each of the claim amendments proposed are necessary for the clear reading of the claims in the intended scope negotiated between the Examiner and Applicant's Attorney during the prosecution of this application. By not entering these amendments, Applicant would not only suffer in the enforcement of these claims, but very

possibly be limited to enforcement against only users of the method wherein both an audio and a visual system is installed in each and every room of each active location, and would not allow the method to be tailored to the specific persons being monitored and their capabilities, e.g., the deaf, the blind, the mentally handicapped, the physically handicapped, etc.

For these reasons, Applicant respectfully solicits the entering of each of the proposed claim amendments prior to issuance.

The amendments proposed do not raise any additional issues, and will not cause the Examiner to conduct any further searches or to consider any new issue of patentability. Further, these amendments eliminate many issues that would otherwise arise in infringement litigation and render these claims more understandable and thus more enforceable.

Respectfully submitted,

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